

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor	: Lon S. Weiner et al.	
Appln. No.	: 10/699,313	
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**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND FEE**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FILED ELECTRONICALLY

Sir:

Applicant does not believe that any fee for filing the attached Substitute Amendment should be required, as the April 26, 2007 filed Amendment included a claim listing of all claims presented in the application, and the delay in responding was due to the failure of the Legal Instruments Examiner who issued the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment to return any phone messages. If any extension of time for the accompanying paper is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. Applicant claims small entity status.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2998.

Respectfully submitted,

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